#### TO DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

BUSINESS.

Yesterday's bank clearings were \$7,581,558; balances, \$878,222. Local discount rates were between 4½ and 5½ per cent. Domestic exchange was quoted as follows: New York, 15c premium bid, 25c premium asked; Chicago, 16c premium bid, 15c premium asked; Cincinnati, Louisville and New Orleans, 10c discount bid, par asked.

Wheat closed unchanged at \$6%686%c May, 8814689c No. 2 red. Corn closed lower at 6146644c a. May, 626624c No. 2 mixed. Oats closed at 46% e b. May, 48@48% e No. 2

The local market for spot cotton was quiet and unchanged.

WASHINGTON.

The Danish treaty ceding the Danish West Indies to the United States was yesterday signed at the State Department by Secretary Hay and the Danish Ambassador The House passed the urgent deficiency appropriation bill. On a record vote on the provision appropriating \$500,000 for the protection of American soldiers in the Philippines, sixteen Democrats voted with the Republicans.

At a meeting of the Democratic caucus of the House last night, the majority report of the special committee, headed by Mr. Richardson-declaring it to be beyond the power of the caucus to add to or to take away from the platform adopted by the party in convention assembled-was unanimously adopted.

Delegate Flynn and other Oklahomans appeared before the House Committee on Ter-ritories and urged single statehood for Oklahoma, declaring that it would not be just to saddle on Oklahoma the expense of a Government for the Indian Territory.

Chairman Tawney of the Exposition Com-mittee declared yesterday that while Congressmen trusts that there will be no necessity for further talk of a postpone-ment of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. Congress would probably be heard from concerning postponement should it be determined that foreign nations cannot get their exhibits ready by 1903.

"Numerous bridge bills and other measures of special interest to the Southwest were introduced in the House and Senate. The Naval Retiring Board refused to

grant the application of Richard Pearson Hobson to be retired. The board found that the condition of Captain Hobson's eyes does incapacitate him from active service. Admiral Schley's appeal from the findferred by the President to the Navy Department for "comment." The British Government has been advised

rough the State Department that the re-

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

A mysterious visitor to jury-room in Wil-liams case proves to be brother of Jurot Martin, who brought clean linen. Midway features of World's Fair are to

be grouped on one continuous street. Julius Yaeger, Jr., hangs himself in his father's barn at Oakville, St. Louis Cou after restoring money he had taken from Secretary Stevens of the World's Fair

Company commissions the Artists' Guild to design a flag to be used by the Exposition and subsequently to be transferred to the city as an emblem. Wolfe Evans sent to fail by United States

Judge Adams for contempt of court. The Life Underwriters' Association of St. Louis will meet at the Mercantile Club this afternoon to adopt a constitution and bylaws, and complete other details of organ-

The House of Delegates passes public improvements bills and kills those granting ecial privileges

An earthquake is felt in St. Louis and many Missouri and Illinois cities and towns. Strong delegation will visit New York to urge an appropriation for the World's Fair. upon by the Transit Company, as a means of saving time in the operation of its cars, and sceveral principal junctions in business district are chosen for its immediate in

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

The Democratic Committee of the Seventh Congressional District will meet to-day in Bedalia.

paternal sm One man is killed and six are severely injured in a wreck at Omaha caused by a

contract to construct an electric railroad at Shanghal, China.

James Allman, to whom a bribe of \$100 000 was offered to induce him to poison President Lincoln, is dead at Washington.

The Northwest Missouri Press Association met yesterday at St. Joseph. Mo. A Coroner's jury holds railroad officials

Yesponsible for the tunnel accident in New York which caused seventeen deaths, and indictments may follow. A Catholic newspaper defends Charles

chwab's action in gambling at Monte Twenty-one lives are lost by a dust ex-

ion in an Iowa coal mine. The national officers of the United Mine that the power of Federal Judges in is

New York may give a grand ball in honor of the visit of Prince Henry of Prussia, similar to the function given in honor of the prings of Wales in 1860. In accordance with the request of the Prince, Rear Admiral Evans has been appointed to escort Prince Henry on his tour through the United States. No changes in the programme for the Prince's Western trip will be made un-

During the trial of Albert T. Patrick, accused of killing Millionaire William Marsh Rice, clerks of the banking firm of Swenson & Co. testified that, in their opinion, the \$25,000 check presented by Patrick for payment on the day of Rice's death was not signed by Rice. Prominent ore producers of the Joplin

ing district met and discussed plans for a great ore exhibit at the World's Fair. FOREIGN.

Reorganization of the Chinese Govern-ment, with the aid of foreign experts, is

strongly urged by some officials of that An insurgent General was wounded in

naval fight against the forces of Colomb in Panama Bay last Monday. A London transport company increases its capital \$5,000,000 in order to be able to handle

The King of Greece is saved from assas sination by a park inspector, who seen his danger and receives the stab in his own

Bearers of the ransom which is to secure the release of Miss Stone and Mme. Tsilka start into the mountains near where the bandits are supposed to be encamped.

Reports reach London that the execution of General Scheepers has been of materia General Scheepers has been of material distance to the Boer cause in Cape

SPORTING. Clarence Hutchings won the champio ship of the class B three-cushion billian journament by defeating George Hevner by

RAILROADS.

Commission, says competition advances the J. J. Hill, before the Interstate Commerce

Marine Intelligence. Glasgow, Jan. 24.-Arrived: Astoria, from

New York, Jan. 21.-Arrived: Hesperia London, Jan. 23.-Salled; Menominee, New

Boulogne, Jan. 24.-Salled: Statendam, from Rotterdam, New York.

Moville, Jan. 24.—Sailed: Numidian, from
Liverpool, for Halifax and St. John, New

Gibraltar, Jan. 18 .- Passed: Steamer Peter Port Natal, Jan. 22—Arrived: Steamer Mentreal, New Orleans, for Cane Town.
Liverpool, Jan. 25.—Salled: Cuban, from New Orleans, Barbadoes,

TO CURE GRIP IN TWO DAYS

#### STROTHER ADMITS THAT HE HAD COOPER'S JEWELS.

Continued From Page One. or change before signing it. The negro was feeling in better spirits after his hearty supper, and announced that he had concluded to shed some more light on the dark

The stenographer's services were again sought, and in the presence of a dozen wit-nesses he made the damaging disclosure about the sledgehammer. He gave his ent in a straightforward enough, but in a nervous, jerky way that implied the strain under which he was la-boring. When it was concluded Chief Desmond, with the blood-stained hammer be fore him on the desk, held it up before Strother's eyes, and said: "This is the hammer with which Cooper was struck, and it must have been used either by you or by the visitors, who, you say, called on him?" STROTHER TREMBLES

WHEN SHOWN THE HAMMER. "Yes, sir, that's the truth, and if that condemns me, why I'm condemned, that's all. It must have been either me or the folks that called on him that used that hammer, but God knows it wasn't me. That's the truth and the whole truth," he prisoner replied, in a voice betraying intense emotion, as his eyes, which had been fastened on the weapon, suffused with

Satisfied with the result of his day's work. Chief Desmond ordered the prisone: laid away for the night in the hope that a good night's rest would further refresh his fatigued memory and enable it to sup-ply the Item of Information, which will serve as a keystone to the structural facts stready in his possession. Strother was taken down to the holdover after he had he had made voluntarily and without coer-STATEMENT MADE BY

TROTHER, THE SUSPECT. Following is, in part, the statement made by William A. Strother to Chief of De-

tectives William Deemond, who conducted the examination: Chief Desmond: "Tell us what he said, First, what was his name." A.: "Mr. Cooper."
Q.: "Proprietor of the bathhouse, where?" A.
"Vista Block."

"Vista Block."
Q: "In Franklin avenue flear Grand?" A.:
"Yes, sir. He said, "These women—there will be a couple of women out here to-night, and a man with them. I am afraid that push is going man with them. I am afraid that push is going to rob me some day (the two women and the man), and in case they come out here to-night I haven't any money in my pocket, and I want you to come and get my rings before I go to sleep.' I said 'All right.' He says, 'They have made many inquiries about this ring, and I don't want them to have it. Should these people I expect come out to-night I want you to take my ring and keep it for me.' I said, 'All right, Mr. Cooper, I. will.' "Q.: "Did you take the ring off before the people came?"

de came?"

A.: "Yes, sir. When I asked him I said, 'Giv

me those rings. I guess those people are here."
He said. 'All right, get my collar button."
Q.: "Where was his shirt?" A.: "On the bed,
the one that sets up in the window."
Q.: "His shirt was on that bed?" A.: "Tes, Q.: "What did you do?" A.: "I took the col-lar button out. He says, 'You keep them for

O.: "You took the collar button and took the Q: "How?" A.: "Yes, sir."
Q: "How?" A.: "Yes, pir."
Q: "How?" A.: "Just pulled it right off. He didn't say to me it had a hinge. He was afraid

of them drugging him. Then I took the ring and the collar button and put them in my mouth and carried them over to his house, when I went to tell them about him being hurt."

Q. You had the diamonds with you when you went to his house? A. Yes, sir; in my mouth. When I came back I went downstairs. The doctor wanted some hot water, and I went downton went to his house?

tor wanted some hot water, and I went down-stalrs to make some quick steam, and put them carelessiy where you found them. Q. The place I showed you to-day? A. Yes, Q. Three marks on the cellar? A. Yes, sir;

Q. That is where you hid the diamond ring and stud? A. Yes, sir.
Q. Was it a screw stud? A. No, sir.
Q. What kind was it? A. Like a collar but-

Q. Have you seen them since? A. Yes, sir.
Q. Where? A. Dayton Street Station.
Q. They were the same ones you took from Cooper? A. Yes, sir.
Q.: "This is the ring?" (Showing ring.)
A.: "Yes, sir."

Q.: "What time did those two women and the The "Prom" number of the Yale Record man come in there?"

attacks the faculty for its recent acts of A: "bout ten minutes to 12, to the

"Yes, sir: but I didn't know it before." A. (He does so.): "Yes, it must have give the same way when I pulled it off his finger."

"Held them in your mouth?"

"Had them in your mouth when you went opper's house?"
"Yes, str."
"And were talking to Cooper's son with

Q : "After Mr. Cooper was injured?"

Q: "After Mr. Cooper was injured?"
A: "Yes, sir."
Q: "Just before that you took the ring off?"
A: "I took the ring off when he got up and id: There are them people now." and he held s hand out. Then he said, 'Go get my collar atton; it is a pretty good collar button."
O: "What time of night did the two women in the men come in?"
A: "It could not have been over ten minutes 12. along about there."

"State the truth, whether the messenge

came in with a note or not?"
: "Yes, sir; the boy came in."
: "What did he do when he came in?"
: "He knocked on the partition."
: "Then what occurred?" A.: "He said if I
William, I said yes. He said, Is Mr. Carter

Q.; "What time was that?" A.; "Along about

Q.: "It was never seen since?" A.; "I neve Q.: "How long after the boy left did the two

Q.: "Where were you when they came in?" A.

"About twenty-five or thirty feet from re Cooper was lying?" A.: "Fully forty feet." What was the object of your going back

his little woman would not stand for no coon.

Q. What did they do?

A. The man said he would take a drink on

Q. Was the old man injured?

. No, sir.
. Did you have the rings?
. I had the rings before he was injured.
. You must have taken them before the in?

the boy.

Q: "You saw them do this unlawful act?" A.:
"Yes, sir, and I went away."

Q: "How long did you watch them?" A.: "A
very few seconds. Just to see them and hear the
man say to the woman, 'You are a d—d liar.'
The man said that to the tail woman."

Q: "Do you know if this man or either of these
women assaulted Mr. Cooper?" A.: "No, sir."

Q: "You didn't see any assault?" A.: "No,
sir."

Q.: "If there was any weapon, you would have

down in the cellar."

Q.: "Undressed?" A.: "Yes, sir."

Q.: "There is a window opening on Franklin avenue in the cellar, nine or ten inches in width and six feet long, with a draft blowing there, and you went down in the cellar after the man in the cellar."

"No, sir; before the man was assaulted."
"You had the jewelry in your mouth whet went to notify Mr. Cooper's son?"

"When Doctor Kier and Doctor Doctor Bernays asked you for ho

A.: "Yes, sir."
Q.: "You had it in your possessi

"Brought them the hot water and remain how long with them?"

## CHINA MAY BE REORGANIZED BY MEN OF OTHER NATIONS.

Vicerov of Pe-Chi-Li Is Hard at Work in Favor of the Movement-Japan Taken as a Model, Though Parliament Is Likely to Be Strongly Opposed-Only Foreigners of Unquestioned Standing Are Wanted to Assist in Great Task.

Pekin, Jan. 24.-The Dowager Empress | llamentary, domestic and governmental afand her councillors are seriously discussing the engagement of foreign advisers to re organize the government. Yuan Shi Kai, Viceroy of Pe-Chi-Li, is the inspiration of the movement. He will return to Pao-Ting-Fu to-morrow, having devoted several days to impressing upon the Court the importance of real reforms and urging the adoption of foreign methods as being the only practical measures. He memorialized the throne, recommending the employment of eight foreigners of eminence in various branches of governmental science, attaching them to different boards. The scheme in its present form, after having been discussed by the members of

thority.

ful of practical results. They are taking Japan as their model. Any attempt to institute a Parliament of any sort would however, meet with tremendous opposition from the Manchus.

Yuan Shi Kai and his followers are hope-

While the employment of foreign advisers is no new idea with the Chinese, in only exceptional instances has it produced lasting results, because inferior men were often engaged to advise, and were usually only half-heartedly followed. Yuan Shi Kai proposes to secure men of unquestioned a ties, and clothe them with some real au-

Prince Ching, President of the New Chinese Foreign Office, desires that his eldest son should represent China at the corona-tion of King Edward, and his appointment as the Chinese special envoy is expected. the Council, is to engage six foreigners as and finance, and on military, naval, par-

Q. Who told you to go down in the basement and make steam? A. Nobody.

Q. What did you do?
A. I had the rings in my mouth and happened to think of them and said, "What will I do with these things? I had better throw them away." I threw them over on the wall and stirred the fire and closed the door so that the steam would rise. Then I came upstairs and went to work helping the doctors.
Q. Did they ask you for the jewelry after that again?
A. Young Cooper asked me for the jewelry.
Q. Mr. Cooper's son?
A. Yes. sir.
Q. What did he say to you?
A. "Do you know anything about the ring?" I said well, and said no; I was afraid of being accused of the assault.

ccused of the assault. Q. Of killing him?

A. I didn't know he was killed. I thought he was just hurt. Doctor Hogg said he thought he would get over it.

Q.: "You came upstairs and he asked you for the jeweiry?"

A.: "Yes, sir."
Q.: "You still refused to tell where it was?" A .: "His friend was in hearing of it."

A: "His friend was in hearing of it."
Q: "At that time you still refused to tell where the jewelry was?"
A: "Yes, sir; during the excitement."
Q: "This statement is true?"
A: "Yes, sir; that's all there is to it."
Q: "This is a voluntary statement without any promise from any member of the Police Department or the Chief of Police?"
A: "Yes, sir; that's all there is to it."
STROTHER TALKS ABOUT
THE HAMMER.

Subsequently Strother made a further

tatement to Chief of Detectives Desmond, "Now, you want to tell the whole truth?"
"Yes, sir." Tell it in your own way."

"In addition to what you told this after-"Yes." A.: "Yes."
Q.: "I will show you this hammer (shows ham

What hammer is this?"
"One that belongs to the block." (Vista.)
"Where did you get it?"
"Out of the cellar."
"The night of the tragedy."
"When?" "What night was that?"
"Night before last."
"What time of night did you go down in

C: "What time of night did you go down in the cellar and get it?"

A.: "Along about 10 o'clock, I guess."

Q: "What did you do with it?" A.: "Put it at the front door to make a noise."

Q: "Why did you want to make a noise?" A.:
"It would help me wake in case I would be

"The object of this hammer is to wake you

Q.: "Your regular bed is fifty feet away

there?" A.: "Yes, sir."
Q.: "You say when the door is pushed in that
wakes you up?" A.: "Yes, sir."
Q. What did you do with the hammer after

A. Brought it up and set it at the door.
Q. Out of the cellar? Next time where did you get it?.

Next time where did you get it?.

I seen it laying by Mr. Cooper's. On the this do of his cot. Mr. Cooper was bleeding

ack of his head.

Q. "Where did you find the hammer?"

A. "On the south side of this cot."

Q. Between your cot and his cot?

ere was the blood?

Where was the blood?
"On the back of his head."
"Where—on the floor?"
I didn't see any on the floor.
How did the blood get on the hammer?
I don't know. I couldn't figure them ques-Tell us the truth. How did the bi

"I guess he was struck with the tween the two boilers."

Q.: "In the subcellar? You hid the diamonds in the front cellar and hid the hammer in the

Q.: "Four or five feet lower than the front cellar and sets in the rear of the building, where the boilers are that heat up all the flats?"

"Then you hid this back in the subcellar?"
"Yes, sir; between the two boilers."
"You heard the statement of the porter to that he found the hammer on the coal!

Q.: "How do you know?"

A.: "I seen him take it from there."

Q.: "Where you hid it?" "Yes, sir."
"What did you hide it for?"
"I was scared. During the excl
the hammer was up there, becau

You took the diamonds away from him Q.: "You took the diamonds away from his before he was assaulted?" A.: "Yes, sir. Before that fully half an hou "Then you took the diamonds away?"

"Yes."
"Did you take anything out of his poo

"He generally carries how much money?"
"On Saturday night he generally has a roll if he comes before he goes home."
"As a general thing, how much?"
"Five or ten dollars."
"Did you ever see him with that small

was the largest amount? "About \$300."
"Did he have any more jewelry best

"Why didn't you take his watch?" A.

A. About thirteen months.
Q. Never noticed that hinge?
A. No, sir. He never spoke to me about it.
Q.: "You had this ring and diamond collar button in your mouth when you notified his boy that he was injured?"

"Yes, sir."
"Until Doctor Bernsys and Doctor Kler

A.: "Yes, sir."

Q.: "You had it in your mouth when that man and the two women you claim were there?"

A.: "Yes, sir."

Q.: "When you were smoking the cigar back

A: "I may have had them in my hands."

Q: "In your mouth when you went to the front door and got this hammer and threw it down in the cellar?" "No, sir: I put them away first."
"Before the accident?" "Yes, sir. Q: "You had them in your mouth when you put the hammer away?"
A: "Yes, sir."
Q: "Did you hide the hammer before you went

A: "Yea, sir."
Q: "You cleared up everything before you went after the boy?"
A: "Yes, sir; I hid the hammer away."
Q: "Kept these in your mouth all that time?"

"Yes, sir." "Kept them there while Doctor Bernays.

Q.: "Doctor Bernays told you to get some hot water, and you got the hot water and brought it to the doctor, and then you say you went down in the cellar without anybody telling you?" A.: "Yes, sir."
Q.: "What did you do?"
A.: "Took the diamonds out of my mouth and put them on the wall."
Q.: "What did you go down for?"
A.: "To get steam."
Q.: "Didn"; you so down to hid the diamonds." "Didn't you go down to hide the dia-

A.: "I went down with the intention of making steam, and then I thought about the diamonds and hid them away there." and hid them away there."

Q.: "When you went to see Mr. Cooper's boy and told him about the accident to his father, what did you say?"

A.: "I told him he had better hurry to the bathhouse, that Mr. Cooper was hurt, I thought

bathnouse, that Mar. Cooper was hurt, I thought seriously."
Q.: "What else?"
A.: "That's all."
Q.: "Theil what words were used and what was said by you and young Cooper from the time you met him at the door until you came to the bathroom with him and showed him his father?" A.:
"I told him to come over to the bathhouse right away; that his father was hurt, I believed seriously."

G: What did he say?" A.: "He said 'All right,' and went back to notify the ladies."

Q.: "What happened at the bathhouse." A.: "I stayed there and assisted the doctors and got water and things and got my corn razors out to shave his head off with the razor."

Q. What did the boy ask about the jewelry?

perhaps, after everything was cleared up. I went to the cellar—
Q. What did he say about the jewelry?
A. He said: "Say, do you know anything about his ring?" I started to speak up, and I was scared to answer, and I said "No." Then he turned away from me and walked over to this

A. Once.
Q. Did the doctors ask anything about his

"I think Doctor Bernays."
"Did anybody else?" "The police."
"What did you tell the police?"
"I told them I didn't know where it was.

"You told the police you didn't know any about the hammer?"
"Yes, sir, I did."
"That is true?"
"Tes, sir." Q.: "The whole truth?"

A.: "Yes, sir; you asked me for it and I told O.: "You are telling this freely and volunts

"Yes." "Yes, sir; and there it is."

A.: 'Yes, sir; and there it is.'
Q.: "This hammer here with the blood on it—
you didn't tell anybody you found the hammer
with the blood on it?"
A.: "No, sir."
At 8 o'clock yesterday morning Chief Desmond, Captain Gaffney and several oficers took Strother to the scene of the murder in the bathhouse. It was Desmond's purpose to have Strother rehearse in detail every incident which occurred in the bathhouse on the night in question, with the object of refreshing Strother's memory as to the time at which certain happenings took place, on which point the

CORONER'S JURY Coroner Funkhouser impaneled a jury yesterday morning to hear the evidence at the inquest, and swore them over Cooper's body at the residence. The jury is composed of: L. M. Rumsey, Horace Rumsey, Claude L. Matthews, Orma McCauley, er they were sworn they went over to the bathhouse to familiarize themselves with the scene of the murder, arriving there a few minutes after Chief Desmond. They observed closely the movements of the negro in detailing the occurrences of Wednesday night, and manifested great interest in his explanations.

Strother described the position of the cot occupied by Cooper, and repeated in detail all his own movements from the time Mr. Cooper entered the building until Strother left to give the alarm. Strother made a number of statements which the Chief proved to be false. He said that the cellar door leading to the basement from to ventilate and cool this room when not in use. All the other attendants said the cellar door was never left open, and that the two windows on the side were used to cool and ventilate the room. He also said that the vindow in the rubbing-room, through which he said he had been watching two men in the alley on Wednesday night while Cooper was entertaining his visitors in the coolingopens on a hinge at the side, and Chief Desmond saw it did not move easily. He Wednesday night, and Strother did so only after violent exertion, in which the glass

Strother also told the Chief he did not know the bathhouse was to be sold, but the attendants declared that he had spoken to them the day before about the contemplated sale. These and other contradictory statements convinced the Chief that the tion, and, after an exhaustive examination of every nook and corner of the bathbouse



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convinced that his only hope of extracting the truth lay in a thorough sweating of TWO WOMEN

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BROUGHT BEFORE CHIEF. Just before Chief Desmond began his systematic sweating of Strother at 3 o'clock he instructed Captain Gaffney to have his men bring in Mrs. Whitfield of No. 3237 Lawton avenue, and Kate Robinson, who lives with her. The Robinson woman, it is said, was an intimate friend of Cooper and the Whitbey woman was said to have made a statement Thursday to the effect that she knew who had killed Cooper and that Strother was innocent, as Cooper was the victim of a plot concocted by other parties. When the women arrived at the Four Courts they were questioned by the Chief. Mrs. Whitfield denied that she had made the statement attributed to her, and when confronted by the reporter who told it to the Chief, she declared he was telling untruth. She said she was merely 'jollying" the reporter, and declared that she knew as little about the tragedy any plot to injure Cooper as the Chief him-

She said she had known Strother seven years, and Cooper about two years. She was about to tell the Chief how she came to phoned for a cab, which was in front of his make the acquaintance of Cooper, but, noticing the presence of the reporter, who had accused her of saying she knew of a plot against Cooper, she suddenly shup up, saying she would talk only in the presence of the Chief. Thereupon the two women were taken into Chief Kiely's office and told their stories behind closed doors. Strother was later brought into the pres-

ence of the women. He said he knew both them very well, but declared that Wednesday night. The Robinson woman told of her relations with Cooper, and said she had seen him at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, but had not been at the bathhouse that night, and knew nothing of the tragedy beyond what she had read. Both women said they knew of no one who had a grudge against Cooper, who would do him personal injury, and both professed ignorpersonal relations with him. They remained in the Chief's office from 3 o'clock until shortly before midnight, when they were released with the admonition to appear at th inquest at 10 o'clock this morning.

WOMAN SAW COOPER LYING ON COUCH. Josle Houston and Florence Banks, the negro women who called on Strother at the bathhouse on the night of the murder, said yesterday that as they were leaving the esablishment, about 10 o'clock, they noticed the nude figure of a man lying on the first cot in the cooling-room. This is the cot occupied by Cooper, according to Strother's story. They were in the office at the time, and the screen on the door leading into the cooling-room was drawn aside. When they called Strother's attention to the man

Strother pulled the curtain across the door. shutting off the women's view of the figure "When I saw the man." said Florence Banks, "he was lying with his head lying sideways on his left arm, which was extended out from the cot and partly downand at the distance I was I could not say whether he was asleep, awake or dead. He could have been either, for all I knew. There was nothing in his appearance to grouse my suspicion. We did not know there was any one in the building when we called, and when I noticed this man I called o Strother, saying we had better get out, as the man might object if he knew we were there.

"Strother pulled the sheet across the door which was only natural. He was not a bit nervous or excited, and said for us not to mind, that it was only his boes and that he was asleep and that he would not object to us being there, anyhow, as anything he (Strother) did, was all right, as the old man thought a heap of him. When we left Strother came to the door with us and promised to be down to our house the next afternoon. That's all we know about it." Johnny Winn, the gambler, was brought to the Four Courts last night by Detectives Killian and Murphy. Winn had business dealings with Cooper, who, it is said, supand it was believed he might know some thing of Cooper's associations which might throw some light on the tragedy. He was questioned by Chief Desmond and released TIME BLOW WAS STRUCK REGARDED AS IMPORTANT.

A point in the case which the police are anxious to have determined positively is the time at which the blow was struck. There is some question in Chief Desmond's mind as to whether the blow was struck before 9:30 p. m., when the negro women arrived whether it was struck a short time before midnight, when Strother claims he discovered Cooper injured. Strother says he rought the hammer up from the basement at 10 o'clock, after the negro women ha left, and placed it against the front door to keep it closed. He says the party of white visitors called between 11:30 and midnight, and that he discovered the hammer beside Cooper's cot immediately after they The appearance of the blood on the ham-

mer and on Cooper's head and the cot is and a close interrogation of the attendants, | since the blow was inflicted, and the surto took the negro back to the Four Courts, geons who attended Cooper are unable to

## A SOUTHERN STORY.

# The Leopard's Spots.

By THOMAS DIXON, JR.

In to-morrow's Republic Mr. Dixon's story will begin as a serial. While a Southern man's view of Reconstruction days, it is not sectional in feeling. It is like Mr. Churchill's "Crisis," with the attitudes reversed. Mr. Churchill is an American of New England antecedents and sympathies, who can see the fine qualities of Southerners. Mr. Dixon is a Carolinian, who does justice to the Northern people and Federal leaders. The story should be read by all, North and South, who desire to form, from every point of view, a fair judgment of Civil War events.

state positively how long a time had elapsed since the blow was struck. Doctor Kier said last night that it was 12:30 o'clock when he was called up by telephone. His servant, who awakened him, is also certain of the hour. Immediately upon receiving the message Doctor Kier tele-

door by the time he had dressed and gotten his instruments ready. He reached the bathhouse at 1 a. m. Doctor Hoge was already there, and it was decided to telephone at once for Doctor A. C. Bernays. "When I arrived at the bathhouse," said Doctor Kler, "I saw that it would be impossible to do anything for Mr. Cooper until after an operation had been performed. It is absolutely impossible to say how long before my arrival the blow had b

flicted. The blood on the sheets and about

the wound had congealed. This, however,

could have happened in fifteen minutes, as

the atmosphere of the room was very ho

and dry. CANNOT TELL WHEN ASSAULT WAS MADE.

"The wound might have been inflicted fifteen minutes or an hour or two hours before I saw it. No, I cannot say definitely in what position Mr. Cooper was when the blow was struck. My opinion is that he was reclining, but he might have been standing and fallen on the cot with the force of the blow, and his limbs composed as we found them on our arrival" Doctor Bernays says that the total absence of any signs of a struggle leads him to believe that Cooper was asleep when the fatal blow was struck. The bedclothes were so orderly, he said, that the victim could hardly have quivered after he was hit. From his position when found and the location of the scalp wound. Cooper must have been resting on his side

Had he suspected violence it is certain h would not have laid quiet. "These things." said Doctor Bernays, 'are simply deductions from the circum stances, and I am not prepared to say that Mr. Ccoper was asleep, or even lying down when he was struck. It was impossible to determine what period had elapsed between the time the wound was inflicted and wher saw it. It might have been twenty minites or two hours. Upon my arrival called for a razor and shaved Mr. Cooper's head about the wound. Particles of the brain had cozed out and mingled with the hair.

STROTHER HELPED DOCTOR

DRESS THE WOUND. "When the scalp was cleansed, I observed that a portion of the bone had been driven into the brain. This I removed. I was assisted in the operation by the negro. Strother. He got me hot water, held the instruments and performed other services He was calm and appeared immensely grieved that the thing should have hapnened. He was the last man in the work I would have suspected of the crime until after the finding of the blood-stained sledgehammer. Even now, I believe there is a possibility of his being innocent of the murder, though he likely knows a good deal about it that he has not revealed." H. A. Hall, proprietor of a drug store in the Vista block, on the corner of Grand

and Franklin avenues, stated yesterday that at 11:25 o'clock Wednesday night, just

as he was about to close. William Strother

entered the store and purchased two cigars

from him. The negro was carefully dressed

and appeared to be perfectly calm. He re

mained about five minutes conversing with Mr. Hall, then, lighting a cigar, remarked that he would have to be getting back to the bathhouse, and sauntered out the front Mr. Hall knew Strother well, having frequently sold him articles of various kinds for the bathhouse. As a rule the negro charged these things to Mr. Cooper. A few days before Mr. Hall had asked Strother for Mr. Cooper's address so that he might send him a bill which had been due for several weeks. Strother asked for the account, saying that he would get the

money from Cooper for it, which he did the following day. The druggist says that Strother appeared in a good humor when he came in Wednesday night and joked with him about a slight mistake he had made in giving him his change. During the conversation Strother spoke affectionately of the murdered man, saying that he was as

"I was greatly shocked." said Mr. Hall

"when I heard of the murder and learned that Strother was suspected of killing his employer. I had seen the negro only a few, hours before, and at a time which cou not have been long before or after the fatal blow was struck. He came into my store at 11:35 p. m. I am certain of the hour as I was about to close up for the night, and had just glanced at the clock as William entered. "He called for two cigars, which I fur

nished him, and in payment tendered me a half dollar. In giving him back the change I made a mistake, and he joked me about it. We started talking, and incidentally I brought up the name of Mr. Cooper. ing that there was no better man to work are now, and his clothing was carefully arranged. His conduct was anything but that

of a man who contemplated or had just

committed murder. He left my store at 11:45 o'clock, but I did not notice in which direc tion he went." According to the statement of the Cooper family, they were aroused by Strother very shortly after midnight. Thomas K. Cooper, the dead man's son, was asleep when the negro arrived and was awakened by the noise of the people stirring on the floor below him. It was young Cooper who telephoned for Doctor F. W. Kler. The funeral of Mr. Cooper will take place at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The Reverend Mosheim Rhodes of St. Mark's English Evangelical Church will conduct the

services. The body will be taken to the Missouri Crematory for incineration. The active pallbearers will be employ of the Graham Paper Company. The honorary pallbearers have not been selected. The inquest, which was to have been held yesterday morning, has been postoned until 10 a. m. to-day.

CORRECT ERROR OF CUPID. Couple Will Be Married Second Time Under Right Names.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL of St. Louis arrived here this afternoon and a short time later, in company with Miss Adele Holles, to whom he was married at Clayton, Mo., last June under assumed names, appeared at the office of County Clerk Matney and secured a marriage license, this time giving their correct

names.

It is announced that the wedding will take place Wednesday, January 29, at the home of Mrs. S. M. Holles, mother of the bride. COURT SPECTATORS SEARCHED. Special Precautions Taken at Trial

of Jim Howard.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 24.-The testimo

was closed in the Jim Howard trial this afterneen, and the arguments were begun. Judge Cantrill ordered that all spectators e searched for arms on entering the courtrcom to-day.'
This is said to have been due to reports that some of the mountaineers in attendance on the trial were threatening to create Fire in Hotel at Carrollton, Mo.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Carrollton, Mo., Jan. 24.—At 9 o'clock this evening fire broke out in the kitchen of the Florence Hotel, the principal hotel in the town, but the fire company succeeded in gettling it under control before great damage was done. Loss, \$1,000.

WEST PLAINS, Mo.—
the Democratic Committee of the Twentysecond Senatorial District it was decided
to hold a convention at Houston on May 24
nominate a candidate. Each of the five WEST PLAINS, MO.-At a meeting of

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